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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - INDONESIA AND RUSSIA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All Thursday morning papers gave top play to Prime Minister Aso's decision on Wednesday to appoint two new cabinet ministers.

¶2. "Splits in Muslim Society in Indonesia" The liberal Asahi wrote from Jakarta (7/2): "Religious conflicts and the human rights issue are serious problems for Indonesia to overcome. However, discussions on the upcoming presidential election have so far provided no clues to solving these problems. With splits in its society still remaining, Indonesia will hold its election on June 8."

¶3. "Russia Trying to 'Agitate' U.S. through Military Drills near Georgia?" The liberal Tokyo Shimbun wrote from Moscow (7/2): "Ahead of the U.S.-Russia summit on June 6, Russia has shown a cooperative stance with the U.S. regarding Afghanistan. However, Russia has begun large-scale military drills in the North Caucasus region that borders on Georgia, with which Russia fought a war last year. The drills appear to be aimed at putting pressure on the U.S. ahead of U.S.-Russia talks on a new disarmament treaty in order to extract concessions from Washington."

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